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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Thomas J. Nelson

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Title: Interconnecting Disengageable  
Flooring System

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 10, 2001

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2001, amend the application as indicated.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following rewritten claims. A marked up version of the rewritten claims, and a clean version of all pending claims are attached at the end of this document.

Cancel claim 48, without prejudice.

49. (once amended) A disengageable connector for vertically and horizontally interconnecting individual flooring panels with identical edges to form a permanent or temporary laminate flooring surface on top of a support structure, said connector comprising: